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- (1) Jarvik, et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,832,051; issued May 23, 1989;
- (2) Joerg-Uwe Meyer, et al.; U.S. Patent No. 5,919,220; issued July 6, 1999;
- (3) WO 02/13903 A2 (Advanced Neuromodulation Systems, Inc.), published February 21, 2002;
- (4) EP 0 215 726 A2 (The University of Melbourne); published March 25, 1987;
- (5) EP 0 580 928 A1 (Aries S.r.l.); published February 2, 1994;
- (6) EP 0 862 925 A2 (Medtronic, Inc.); published September 9, 1998; and

(7) US 2002/0022873 A1 (Drees, Scott F., et al.); published February 21, 2002.

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